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I disagree with the proposed settlement to Microsoft antitrust case. It contains loopholes designed to let Microsoft continue to act as a bully and a monopolist. As we have seen that it's 1994 consent decree did not deter Microsoft from engaging in heavy handed illegal business practices outlined in the findings of fact in the current case, we must conclude that any settlement in this action may not deter Microsoft from doing so in the future.

I believe that the proposed settlement is inadequate as a means of stopping the illegal, economically damaging business practices at Microsoft corporation. By not offering any form of punishment for past illegal acts and introducing a series of loopholes, vagueness and secrecy provisions, it offers no relief from past wrongs and fails to prevent it from committing further illegal acts.

Microsoft is a convicted illegal business practitioner which has damaged our economy. It should not be allowed to get away with it or continue to do so in the future. The current settlement does nothing to address this, and will likely lead to continued illegal activity. It must not stand.

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